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11. (C) Per Reftel C instructions, Econoffs on Friday June 9, 2006 delivered Washington agencies' points on International Energy Agency (IEA) membership for China to British Embassy in Beijing Second Secretary for Energy Richard Ridout. Ridout stated that he would keep Embassy Beijing posted on any developments as London considers the merits of British advocacy of IEA membership for China. Ridout also informed Econoffs that London and Beijing will sign a Memorandum of Understanding establishing a formal bilateral energy dialog during a late-July visit to Beijing by Britain's Trade Minister. Ridout indicated the first Sino-British energy dialog meeting would probably take place in October or November, 2006.